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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST LINE ON US POLICY IN LAOS

1. SINCE LPF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE PHOUMI VONGVICHIT CONTINUES TO PEDDLE LINE THAT US IS PURSUING TWO POLICIES IN LAOS, ON SEPTEMBER 6 I AVAILED MYSELF OF OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY FRENCH ORTF TO DENY CATEGORICALLY LPF ALLEGATION. ORTF HAD EARLIER IN THE DAY TAPED PHOUMI VONGVICHIT'S ACCUSATION THAT EMBASSY SUPPORTS PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA BUT SOME OTHER ELEMENTS IN US MISSION BACK THE RIGHTISTS. IN REPLY, I SAID THAT US PURSUED IN LAOS ONLY ONE POLICY: THAT OF FIRM SUPPORT FOR PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA. I CONTINUED THAT USG HAD SHOWN ITS FULL AND UNDIVIDED SUPPORT BY ITS ACTIONS ON AUGUST 20 WHEN IT VIGOROUSLY BACKED THE PRIME MINISTER AGAINST THOSE WHO TRIED TO UNSEAT HIM.

2. WHILE COMMUNIST EMBASSIES REPRESENTED LOCALLY ARE FULLY AWARE OF OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR PRIME MINISTER AND THE ACCUSATION OF USG PURSUING TWO POLICIES IN LAOS CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF LPF'S MAIN THEMES HERE AND I DO NOT RULE OUT THAT THIS WILL ALSO BE LINE COMMUNISTS WILL ADOPT IN COMMUNIST CAPITALS AROUND THE WORLD.

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